

# What is true strength?

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- **What is strength, power, might - what do you think of?**
  - Super heroes/ villains – Superman, etc.?
  - Nations, kings, presidents, militaries?
    - Psalm 20:7
    - The race is not for the swift, not the feat to the strong... (Ecclesiastes 9:11)
  - Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? (II Corinthians 10:7)
    - Do not look upon his appearance nor stature...for the Lord does not see as man sees (I Samuel 15:7)
  - True strength really isn't in might or physical power
    - Life is but a vapor
      - Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. Selah(Psalm 39:5)
      - When with rebukes You correct man for iniquity, You make his beauty melt away like a moth; Surely every man is vapor. Selah(Psalm 39:11)
      - Surely men of low degree are a vapor, Men of high degree are a lie; If they are weighed on the scales, They are altogether lighter than vapor. (Psalm 62:9)
      - whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. (James 4:14)
    - The world is passing away (I John 2:7/ II Peter 3:9-11)
    - For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness"; (1 Corinthians 3:19)
    - Professing themselves wise, they became fools (Romans 1:22)
- **True Strength - To Him who overcomes!!! (Revelation 2:7,11,17,26/ 3:5,12,21)**
  - We have been given the ability to overcome – the world
    - That ability is not in the physical - not from worldly strengths
      - But he who does the will of God abides forever (I John 2:7)
      - The weapons of our warfare...are mighty in God for pulling down strongholds (II Corinthians 10:4,5)
  - Trust that God's strength is enough
    - Don't overlook the power of God:
      - My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness (II Corinthians 12:9)
    - Our shield, fortress, Patience to wait on Him (Psalm 28:7)
      - Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, I will repay (Deuteronomy 32:35/ Hebrews 10:30)
      - Those that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31)
    - Love (Matthew 5:39-48)
      - Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21)
    - Prayer (James 5:13-20)
    - Faith - The words of life (John 6:68) - to move mountains (Matthew 17:20)
    - Resist the Devil (James 4:7/ I Peter 5:8,9)
      - The father of lies – the Devil
    - Ephesians 6:10-18 – the armor of the Lord
- **What is your strength?**
  - Fear not him who can destroy the body, but Him who can destroy both body and soul in Hell (Matthew 10:28)

- Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death (Hebrews 2:14)
- Stand in the Lord, and in the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10)
- He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil (Hebrews 2:14)
- We must be conformed to His son Jesus (Romans 8:29/ Romans 12:2)
- Ecclesiastes 12:1-8
- True strength is relying on God – His strength to make us what He wants us to be:
  - Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17)
  - Believing (Mark 16:16)
  - Repenting (Acts 2:38)
  - Confessing (Romans 10:10)
  - Baptism – the operation of God (Colossians 2:12)
  - Living for Him! (Galatians 2:20)